

# Interesting Sporting Matters of General and Local Character

## HOW BIG TEAMS SHAPE UP FOR WORLD HONORS

Veterans Who Played in the Memorable Struggle of 1911 Will Form Backbone of Giants and Athletics

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—Veterans of the memorable struggle of the Giants and Athletics for the world's championship in 1911—those who played in the series—will form the backbone of the two teams when they face each other again in the world's series on the afternoon of October 7.

Of the fourteen Athletics who went on the diamond in the world's series of 1911, thirteen are in the list of 25 which Connie Mack has prepared as eligible for the forthcoming games. Lord is the only man who played in 1911 who will not play on the Philadelphia team this year. Twelve of the fifteen players who fought for New York in 1911 will fight for it again in 1913. The absentees are Ames and Devore traded to Cincinnati and Becker, released. The world's series of 1912 will therefore be in large measure a contest between the same men who engaged in the series of 1911.

What these men did in 1911 their past performances in the six games of that series are of unusual significance and bearing on the present contest.

A well known big league club manager said recently that in his opinion more games were won and lost on the infield than in any other department of baseball. Few will contradict the assertion, and it is quite likely that victory will hang to a considerable extent upon the work of the Giant and Athletic infields during the coming world's series between the New York and Philadelphia clubs. The Athletics' \$100,000 infield is one that commands respect and admiration in baseball circles, but it is not worrying the Giants if their statements are to be believed. McGraw has not tried to put a financial figure on his four infields, but he is known to be as well satisfied with his combination as a man can be. Still the fact remains that all the figures available on the world's series of 1911 and the season's play this year point to the Athletic infield quartette composed of Melnitz, Collins, Baker and H. B. Baker as a superior to Dole, Herzog, Shafer and Fletcher considered as a whole. In the combination which helped defeat the Giants two years ago, Melnitz had no part, being on the bench with an arm which had just gained strength after being broken. Harry Davis, the veteran who took his place, proved a most acceptable substitute, but with Melnitz on the initial bag as he will be when the present series opens the Athletic infield is certain to be stronger than in 1911. Shafer has held down third for the Giants in place of Herzog most of the season and will possibly alternate with Herzog, according to the style of pitcher to be faced.

Aside from the shifts and substitutions the lineup will be the same as two years ago when the Athletics won the world's championship with four games out of six.

This being the case, the figures available should prove the best means of affording a comparison between the quartette which works for the

Athletics and that of Giants, Melnitz and Melnitz will be the rival first baseman, and Mack appears to have a decided advantage over the Giants' initial back guardian. Melnitz is not as finished a player as Melnitz, but possesses greater speed on bases. In batting the Athletic star outshines Melnitz. He is also more aggressive and covers more ground around first base. Davis outplayed Melnitz during the 1911 clash, yet Melnitz held the bag up to the point in the season when he broke his wrist. It is probable to suppose that Mack considered him the better player of the two.

Moving to second base, Captain Doyle is found to be opposed by Eddie Collins. The Giants' field leader is a high class player, but Collins is ranked as one of the most famous second basemen of baseball. At no time during the season in 1911 however, did Collins outplay Doyle. Whether the latter can duplicate this feat is doubtful. His recent accident in which his shoulder was badly wrenched when his automobile crashed into a tree will not improve his game. Furthermore, Doyle has not played or batted this season up to the standard set by himself during the world's series in which he was opposed by Collins. The latter has improved steadily, and his batting this season has been heavier than before. On the bases, Collins is faster than Doyle and has stolen many more bases than the Giant field leader. As a runner, the former Columbia University student also has the better of Doyle.

For the position of third baseman three players must be considered. For the Athletics, John Franklin Baker of home-run fame, is the candidate. He will play against both Herzog and Shafer in all probability since each is likely to see service before the series is completed. Baker out-hit and out-played Shafer and Herzog in batting this season but in Shafer he will find a harder opponent than Herzog proved two years ago. The latter is cool yet lightning fast, making sensational stops and throws which appear easy compared with Baker's rather awkward style. Both Shafer and Herzog are faster on the base line, but the Athletics' star gets on more frequently, due to his heavy hitting. As a run-getter, his season records show that he outclassed both the Giants who will probably figure on the third base play.

The important position of shortstop in the world series will be filled by Harry for the Athletics and Fletcher for the Giants. Barry out-fleeced and out-hit Fletcher in the clash two years ago, but Fletcher has greatly improved since that time while Barry has not done more than hold his own. This season the records of the two players show that in their respective leagues Fletcher has been batting better than Barry. As a base stealer and scorer of runs, the Giant shortstop has also had the edge on Connie Mack's player. It would appear as though the Giants have an advantage here, and close to an even break at second base. At the two other stations the Athletics are the stronger.

## RESULTS OF GAMES ON THE GRIDIRON

The following are the results on the gridiron yesterday:

Michigan 48; Case 0.  
Furber 25; Washburn 0.  
Iowa 45; Normal 7.  
University Kansas 7; William Jewell College 0.  
University of Colorado 6; University of Wyoming 0.

Nebraska 19; Washburn 0.  
Colgate 21; Amherst 0.  
Princeton 69; Fordham 0.  
Minnesota 25; Ames 0.  
Ohio State 58; Ohio Wesleyan 0.  
Carlisle 21; Lehigh 7.  
Dartmouth 33; Colby 0.  
Wisconsin 58; Lawrence College 7.  
Northwestern 10; Lakeforest 0.  
West Point 34; Stevens Institute 0.  
Chicago 21; Indiana 7.  
Williams 20; Vermont 0.  
Yale 0; Maine 0.  
Annapolis 0; University of Pittsburgh 0.  
Pennsylvania 10; Lafayette 0.  
Cornell 27; Oberlin 12.  
Washington and Jefferson 26; Dickinson 0.

## RESULTS OF DAY ON THE DIAMOND

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Chicago—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Chicago ..... 2 9 0  
Pittsburgh ..... 1 6 0  
Pierce and Archer; Hendrix and Simon.

At St. Louis—  
Team— R. H. E.  
St. Louis ..... 11 13 0  
Cincinnati ..... 2 6 8  
Stewart, Perritt and Snyder; Packard and Blackburn.

At New York—  
Team— R. H. E.  
New York ..... 12 13 2  
Philadelphia ..... 7 9 2  
Crandall and Meyer; Brennan, Marshall and Kilgiff.

Second game—  
Team— R. H. E.  
New York ..... 7 3 2  
Philadelphia ..... 5 9 0  
Fromme, Wittke, McLean and Hartley; Alexander and Burns.  
Boston-Brooklyn; Both games cancelled, rains.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Philadelphia—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Philadelphia ..... 8 8 5  
New York ..... 10 7 5  
Brown and Lapp; Schultz and Sweeney.

At Washington—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Washington ..... 10 18 1  
Boston ..... 9 11 1  
Williams, Bentley, Engel, Griffith, Henry and Ryan; Anderson and Snell.

At Cleveland—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Cleveland ..... 5 12 2  
St. Louis ..... 4 10 2  
Cullop and O'Neill; Baumgardner and Agnew.

Second Game—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Cleveland ..... 9 5 1  
St. Louis ..... 0 5 2  
Mitchell and Carisch; Wellman and McAllister. Called end 8th, dark.

At Detroit—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Detroit ..... 7 13 3  
Chicago ..... 5 7 3  
Bauss, Gibson, and Stannage; Benz, Cioette, White and Schalk.

Second Game—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Detroit ..... 9 6 1  
Chicago ..... 1 5 2  
Williams and Stannage; Russell and Easterly. Called end 6th, dark, rain.

### PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

At Venice—  
Team— R. H. E.  
Venice ..... 4 8 1  
Los Angeles ..... 1 3 1

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